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It was established that there is a definite Defense Department requirement for RT-49's however, the exact quantity is not firm. Our plans to produce an improved transmitter for the RS-49 system have been made a matter of record with Defense Department representatives. Several members asked about the difference between an improved RS-49 and the RS-59. [REDACTED] responded to the questions by explaining that the RS-59 is a smaller lower powered set with limited frequency coverage intended for paths up to 600 miles, while the RS-49 is a higher powered more versatile radio set, primarily intended for greater range. The chairman stated that there is need for both systems, however, the relative quantity of each may need adjustment. The chairman then asked whether or not it would be possible to have Defense requirements for the RT-66 included in the initial CIA procurement. Our past experience with Defense response to proposals makes this course of action questionable. There was comment on the production cost estimates provided by [REDACTED]

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3. Conclusion and Recommendation

1. OC-OS will, by formal correspondence:

- a. Determine whether or not Defense Agencies want to participate in the first RT-66 production.
- b. Request a firm commitment from Defense on the number of RS-49's required.

2. OC-E will obtain more comprehensive pricing information to aid in determining the production quantity.

B. OC-E FY-68 R&D Program

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1. Discussion [REDACTED] distributed copies of the FY-68/69 Research and Development Program Review. [REDACTED] then spoke on the background, status and proposed effort for each of the listed projects. During discussion about the projects, [REDACTED] asked if the money allocated for development of RS-101 accessories was adequate to insure accessory availability concurrent with delivery of the basic radio set. [REDACTED] explained that the amount was adequate because some work was already under way and other work was being done by the laboratory. There was lengthy discussion about the AS-12 program and its relationship to the work being done on the RS-18 and other advanced HF systems and on the [REDACTED] Intercept and cost considerations were also reviewed by various members of the board. Finally, Mr. [REDACTED] called everyone's attention to the new R&D catagories. The new presentation is more accurately aligned with a budgetary breakdown made for review by the Deputy Directors.

2. Conclusion and Recommendations - The R&D program should proceed; however, it was agreed that a particular project may be deferred if budget reductions are imposed. It was also agreed that an advanced HF system must be developed to complement the [REDACTED]

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AGENDA
EQUIPMENT BOARD MEETING

Meeting No.: 6-67

Date : 8 November 1967

Time : 1400

Place : OC Conference Room
2D03 Headquarters Building

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- (a) FY-1968 R&D Program
- (b) Procurement of RT-66 Transmitter to replace the RT-49.

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